## ENEISEL OUARTET CONCERT

LATE WORK OF BEETHOVEN PLAYED.

Performance of a String Sextet by Charles Martin Loeffer—A Composi-tion Founded on a Russian Thome —The Music Admirably Performed.

The second concert of the Kneisel Quaret at Mendelssohn Hall last evening was one of the most interesting entertain-ments this organization has offered to pusic lovers in this city for some time. The programme embraced three num-bers, Beethoven's quartet in B flat, opus called "Le passeur d'eau," a poem (with "Theme Russe"), and Tschaikowsky's extet in D minor entitled "Souvening de Florence." Both sextets are written the same distribution of instrum violins, two violas and two 'cellos The extra violinist was Josef Kovarik and the additional 'cellist Leo Schulz.

The Beethoven quartet was last pertion on March 27, 1906, when it was re-

rather as expansions from this style, as developments of it along lines suggested by artistic progress and expressional requirements, are not difficult of comprehension to hearers accustomed to the subsequent works of the band of romanticists who revolted at the regulations of mere form and endeavored to make their structures grow, not in accordance with an established type, but outward from within in compliance with the demand of musical speech.

If we read the last quartets of Beethoven in the light of Strauss, of Regeric of Mahler, as we unconsciously must, they become as clear as the sunlight of their composer's flaming genius. There is not a movement in the quartet heard last evening that seems obscure in its method of thematic treatment, in its srchitecture, in its musical symmetry and beauty. The two movements which astished Beethoven's first hearers retain their exquisite charm, while the cavatina takes its place among those immortal songs of strong faith and grateful praise which abound in the works of this master. He must be a saturnine critic indeed who can find in the noble repose and firm content of this movement a shadow of that gloom, an echo of that [disappointment which, we are told, darkened the accents of Beethoven's lists thereof the composers in the cast took their places of touch, both vocally and histrionically, but it was reasonably acceptable, while Mr. Pini-Corsi, Mr. Devaux and the others in the cast took their places of touch, both vocally and histrionically polored picture. The third act included a pas deduct by Gina Torriani and Giuseppe Bonfiglio.

tent of this movement a shadow of that gloom, an echo of that [disappointment which, we are told, darkened the accents the finale, his last song, is filled with the blithe happiness of youth, with the rhythms of the open air and of the wholesome soul. There are no megrims and no . People out in Idaho are guessing just artistic angles in this quartet. It was how big their population has grown during

with the harmonies now affected by some French composers, notably the whole tone scale, used with such effect by Debussy, turns in his "Le passeur d'eau" to the accords of the Russians. He has utilized as the thematic basis of his composition the familiar Russian folk song. 'Ay ouchnem.

Students of Russian national music tell us that its gamut is founded on the equal tempered scale, long disused in modern composition, and that the uncertain tonality of Russ melodies is due to this usage. Some melodies seem to be major, but float indefinitely off into minor regions. The truth is that the Russian scale is a lineal descendant of one of the Greek systems, and that the inevitable a fascinating way of alternating cadences in modern tonalities with those in the

### CONSIDINE'S WIDOW OBJECTS. Wants the Estate Taken Out of George Considine's Hands.

G. Lewis made administrator with her-self, and asks that Considine and his ar and asks that Considine and his lawyer, Henry J. Goldsmith, be directed to give up the personal property and securities belonging to the estate. Mrs. Considine declares that George F. Considine got possession of these securities by making fradulent representations which induced her to permit him to open the strong box where they were large.

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## "LA FILLE DE MME. ANGOT"

LECOCO'S LIGHT OPERA PRO-DUCED AT THE NEW THEATRE.

nne Maubourg Makes a Successful Debut as Mile. Lange—Clement, Alda and Others in a Good Cast

The Beethoven quartet was last performed here by Mr. Kniesles's organization on March 27, 1906, when it was received by a considerable audience with manifestations of delight similar to those of last night. It was written in 125 and 155 a

## NEW LIFE IN IDAHO. An Agricultural, Not a Mining State, Says Ex-Senator Heitfeld.

simply ahead of the conceptions of its the last ten years, and are eagerly awaiting contemporaries. For us to reiterate the streetyped phrases which have been applied to it is neither brave nor thoughtful Mr. Loeffler, who has often permitted as to hear his admirable experiments arival to New York State, but there's oise City, which has grown in the last decade from 8,000 to at least 25,000, while as for Lewiston, the Senator's home town, that has jumped from 2,500 to 8,000.

and he says that since Congress took up the matter of irrigation in Arizona and Montana and showed that the problem

could be worked out, the whole of the great West has been opening up wonderfully.

"More than 1.000,000 acres of land have been reclaimed in Idaho," said Senator Heitfeld at the Holland House, "and this makes a rich farming country. Southern Idaho is mainly given up to grain and grasses, potatoes and sugar beets. The latter have become an important industry, and there are now five or aix big sugar factories in the State. The country is settling fast, drawing settlers largely from the middle West, but few from Europe.

ascinating way of alternating cadenose in modern tonalities with those in the modes of ecclesiastic music.

Mr. Loeffler in the opening of his extet, written as it is, in chorale fashion, has proclaimed his intimate sympathy with these Russian harmonies, and he establishes a tonal atmosphere of great beauty. His composition proceeds from this introduction by the construction of new thematic ideas on the fundamental notes of the refrain of "Ay ouchnem." His melodies are varied in character and in some instances have a fine musical individuality.

The work as a whole moves in regions quite remote from the singular harmonies of the writer's Gallic songs. It is not as important a musical canvas as some that he has given us, but it has excellent treatment of the six instruments, rich polypheny, sonority and interesting melody to commend it.

The playing of Mr. Kneisel and his associates in the Beethoven quartet was on the high level of artistic finish and reverence to which we are accustomed in their treatment of this composer's music, while the six musicians engaged in the publication of Mr. Loeffler's manuscript discharged their duties in a manner wholly admirable.

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\*\*The opening of the Count of Alene reservation last fall was an event of more than local interest, for in the drawing settlers, largely from the middle West, but few from the fashion, has proclaimed that he as true servers day from the spring and there are about 2,500 square miles of the way from Maine to Callifornia were represented, and least proposed all the way from Maine to Callifornia were represented, and least proposed all the way from Maine to Callifornia were represented, and least propo

Want a 34th Street Moving Platform The Manhattan Central Improvement Association has asked the Public Service Lulu Tabor Considine, widow of John R. Considine, has asked Surrogate Cohalan to revoke the letters of administration issued to her brother-in-law. George F. Considine. Mrs. Considine wants either the Hudson Trust Company or Henry G. Lowis made administrator with her.

## BENDERNAGEL MAKES DENIAL

ON HIS VACATION ON THE DATE INDICTMENT FIXES.

Produces Well Known Citizens by the Dozen Who Say He Is No Crook-Others Used His Rubber Stamp—The Defence in the Sugar Trials Is Nearly Over.

Character witnesses were called vester-day in the sugar trial before Judge Martin in the United States Circuit Court on behalf of James F. Bendernagel, the former cashier of the Havemeyers & Elder refinery in Williamsburg. Among those who bore testimony to Bendernagel's honesty and integrity were Comptroller Herman A. Metz, Justices Burr and Maddox of the Supreme Court, John H. Maddox of the Supreme Court, John H.
McCooey, Deputy Comptroller and leader
of the Brooklyn Democrats; Frederick
W. Wuerster, last Mayor of Brooklyn;
Andrew D. Beard, former Bridge Commisoner; Bernard Gallagher, former Fire Commissioner; Paul E. Bonner, president of the North Side Bank; Andrew T. Sullivan, president of the Nassau Trust Company of Brooklyn; Almet R. Latson, president of the Union League Club in

to be checked when they were sent back together with the checkers' books. Much of this verification of figures, the witness repeated, was done by his sobordinates. A large part of Mr. Bendernagel's testimony on cross-examination was in reference to the missing longshoremens' books which according to Mr. Stimson showed discrepancies. These discrepancies, however, represented bonuses paid to captains of the ships, a practice to facilitate the trucking and weighing by faster work on the boats. Several of these books are missing, but their importance was not made apparent by the Government before court adjourned for the day. performance of the play will be given this

portance was not made apparent by the Government before court adjourned for the day.

Other witnesses called yesterday were several who attested to Oliver Spitzer's good character, one of these being State Senator John Kissel.

Patrick J. Hennessey, one of the defendant checkers, testified that he had checked with the Government weighers and that their figures were always "very liberal." He denied that Richard Whalley, a Government witness, had found him lowering his hands on the scale stanchions as though using some device and then making entries in his book. He declared that he had never cheated the Government by use of any device. Following this testimony Charles H. Morse, a former employer of Whalley, testified that the latter was not in his opinion worthy of belief.

The defence expects to get in all its evidence to-day.

## NEXT WEEK'S OPERAS.

ratein to Revive "Les Contes

Oscar Hammerstein is to revive "Les Contes d'Hoffmann" on Christmas night with Bena Cavalieri for the first time in the rôle of Giulietta. Others in the cast will be Mmes. Trentini and Gentle and MM. Renaud, Dalmores, Nicolay, Villa, Venturini and Leroux. On next Monday Mary Garden, Charles Gilibert, Hector Dufranne, Armand Crabbe and Hector Dufranne. Armand Crabbe and Georges Lucas will sing "Le Jongleur de Notre Dame." "Tannhäuser" on Wednesday will be given by MM. Zenatello and Renaud and Mmes. Mazarin and Doria. "Carmen" on Friday will be sung by Mmes. Cavalieri and Miranda and MM. Zenatello. Laskin and Nicolay. The soloists at the concert on Sunday will be Mmes. Cavalieri, Melis, Mazarin, Gerville-Réache and Trentini and MM. Zerola, Carasa, Crabbe, Sammarco, Huberdeau and Duffault.

Crabbe, Sammarco, Huberdeau and Duffauit.

"Orfeo" will be given at the Metropolitan a week from Thursday night by Mmes. Louise Homer, Johanna Gadski, Bella Alten and Alma Gluck. Glück's opera, which has not been heard in years at the Metropolitan, is to be revived with new scenery, costumes and a classic ballet. On Monday "Alda" will be sung by Mmes. Destinn and Homer and MM. Caruso, Didur and Amato, "Madama Butterfly" will be given on Wednesday by Mmes. Destinn and Fornia and MM. Martin and Amato. On Tuesday afternoon "Haensel und Gretel" will be given with a ballet at popular prices.

Vice-Presidential Social Plans Washington, Dec. 14.—The Vice-President and Mrs. Sherman, who have re-recently taken possession of their residence on Sixteenth street, have arranged for a series of entertainments in the social affairs of the season. They will establish a precedent for Vice-Presidential establish a precedent for Vice-Pres

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A NEW PLAY FOR CHARITY.

"Mrs. Dakon," Given at the Hackett. Mrs. Kate Jordan Vermilye, known noon when a play from her pen bearing the noncommittal title of "Mrs. Dakon" was produced at the Hackett Theatre for the benefit of the Association for the Aid of Crippled Children. Naturally the circumstances under which the produc-tion was made do not invite the same critical attention which would be expected f the play were produced by a com At the same time no writer as well known as Mrs. Vermilye could reasonably expect to have her play produced, even

A line same time no writer as well known by the door to be a line and except public notions. In his capacity as cashier, he said he had only to pay out money on orders from other people, and he knew nothing whatever about, the weighing of sugar on the docks or any of the work done there. He knew the sugar company's checkers, but never saw them while at work, nor had he anything to do with lixing their salaries. He had never requested the removal of any Government can be carrowly of the subarrowly of the work of the removal of the carrowly of the subarrowly of the carrowly of the carrowly of the carrowly of the subarrowly of the constituted the over anything about it.

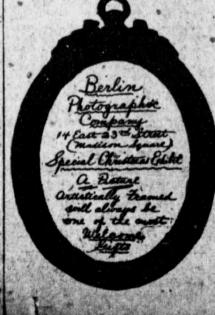
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January 3 will be moving day for the Patterson-Ford interests under the Liebler & Co. management. On that day "The Fourth Estate," which has been running three months at Wallack's, will be transferred to the Grand Opera House, Chicago. The current attraction at the Grand Opera is "A Little Brother of the Rich," a dramatization by Joseph Medill Patterson and Miss Harriet Ford of the novel of the former. This comes into Wallack's. In "A Little Brother" the parts of the principals are taken by Vincent Serrano, Hilda Spong and Ida Conquest. Patterson-Ford interests under the Lieb-

cent Serrano, Hilda Spong and Ida Conquest.

The final rehearsals of the London
Drury Lane spectacular success, "Diok
Whittington." which is now being rehearsed under the stage direction of
Frank Smithson for an American production under the management of the
Shuberts, will take piace at the Hyperion
Teatre. New Haven, instead of in New
York city. There is not now sufficient
room on the stage of any one of the Shubert New York theatres to set the scenes
of "Diok Whittington."

The Shuberts announce that early in
the spring they will nake a new production for Louise Gunaing. The piece selected for her use is "The Glassblowers,"
by John Philip Sousa, with a book and
lyrios by Leonard Liebling.



OWNERS OF FAST CARS WOULD LIKE MORE FREEDOM.

ggestion That the City Build a Road Above or Below Ground Where Self-Propelled Business Vehicles May Go 25 Miles an Hour Without Holdup.

On account of the traffic crowds which make it difficult for the owners of high powered automobiles to use them for busi ness purposes an agitation has arisen for the establishment of automobile express roadways. It is estimated that there are 40,000 automobiles in New York and that next year. Many business men say be-cause of the crowded conditions in the street the progress of a machine is made slow and uncertain compared with the railroads. It is proposed to make these roadways either elevated or subway. A suggestion has been made that a

A suggestion has been made that a league or an association be formed which will have for its object the construction by the city of an express roadway without grade crossings in which automobiles running not less than twenty-five miles an

nour will be permitted.

Dave H. Morris, a governo Automobile Club of America, said that while this proposition is an excellent one from a theoretical standpoint he could not see how it could be made practical at the present time. Mr. Morris said, however, he wished something might be done to remedy the present conditions, which make automobiling a hardship in the congested portions of the city.

Henry Sanderson, vice-president of the Automobile Club, did not think high powered automobiles should be used in the crowded districts. He said the tendency is to do away with speeding and that the small car of 18 horse-power is the one that should be used for business purposes. Israel Ludiow, an attorney for an auto-

wynne and Ann Warrington were both the waste of a second of the play will be given this afternoon.

NEWS OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Shaw Has Ready a New Play in One Actor of a seriously considered establishing last summer a regular line between New York and Philadelphia, but gave the plan up for the present on account of a very bad stretch of road about five miles in length in New Jersey.

No argument is needed as to the value of good roads. With the introduction of self-propelled vehicles they have become more important than navigable rivers and harbers. Perhaps in time motor vehicles on good roads will compete with railroads; certainly they will run about four hours. It is not divided into separate acts, but its author states that he is perfectly willing that the curtain shall drop at any interval desired by the audience when they express their desire in the usual way.

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### ACTORS SEE FORBES-ROBERTSON.

A Professional Matinee Without John Drew, Who'd Headed the Bequest.

Forbes-Robertson appeared yesterday afternoon at the Maxine Elliott Theatre in "The Passing of the Third Floor Back" before an audience composed entirely of actors. Not a ticket had been sold, as Mr. Forbes-Robertson made that condition Mr. Forbes-Robertson made that condition when he agreed to give the play. This is the second time the actor has given a performance for his colleagues. Several years ago he played "Hamlet" for them. John Drew, who had requested the English actor on behalf of his colleagues. years ago he played "Hamlet" for them.

John Drew, who had requested the English actor on behalf of his colleagues to give the matinee, was not present, but his name was loudly applauded when the actor in his speech expressed the hope that Mr. Drew would soon recover from the results of his accident. Most of the actors now in New York seemed to be in the theatre. There are no syndicate

the results of his accident. Most of the actors now in New York seemed to be in the theatre. There are no syndicate or non-syndicate prejudices when the actors do something for one another, so every company was represented.

Raymond Hitchcock was there and so was Joseph Herbert, and the English actors, who were also numerous, were headed by Marie Tempest and Graham Brown, who sat in a box. There was much for this a so for his acting, and it was delimined than the usual performance produces-Ithwas after the second act that Mr. Forbes.

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